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SUBJECT:NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE TO THAI BORDER PATROL POLICE

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1. PURSUANT TO REFTTEL, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT
RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR PROVIDING M-16'S TO THAI BORDER PATROL
POLICE (BPP) FOR PURPOSE OF NARCOTICS CONTROL.

2. PLAN FOR PROVIDING M-16'S TO BPP MUST BE IN CONFORMITY
WITH FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT (FAA). PLEASE NOTE THAT
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SECTION 112 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1973 (P.L. 93-189

OF DECEMBER 17, 1963) PROVIDES THAT "NO PART OF ANY APPROPRIATION MADE AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THIS ACT SHALL BE USED TO CONDUCT ANY POLICE TRAINING OR RELATED PROGRAM IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY." LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF P.L. 93-189 INDICATES THAT CONGRESS INTENDED WORDS "RELATED PROGRAM" IN SECTION 112 TO INCLUDE PROHIBITION OF FURNISHING OF WEAPONS TO POLICE. THERE IS NO PROVISION OF LAW EXPLICITLY AUTHORIZING EXCEPTION TO THIS PROHIBITION. HOWEVER, LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF P.L. 93-189 INDICATES CONGRESSIONAL INTENT THAT SECTION 112 NOT INTENDED TO PRECLUDE NARCOTICS PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 481 OF FAA. ONLY AID TO POLICE IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY THAT REMAINS POSSIBLE UNDER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT IS UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 481 FOR NARCOTICS PURPOSES ONLY.

3. M-16'S FOR THE BPP CAN THEREFORE BE OFFERED TO RTG ONLY FOR PURPOSE OF NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE AND WILL HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED BY RTG ON THAT BASIS. MOREOVER, NUMBER OF M-16'S FURNISHED AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR USE BY BPP WILL HAVE TO BE SUCH THAT WE CAN ASSURE CONGRESS THAT BPP IS USING M-16'S FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL AND THAT ANY OTHER USE IS ONLY INCIDENTAL TO THIS AUTHORIZED PURPOSE FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE.

4. APPRECIATE RECEIVING SOONEST EMBASSY VIEWS ON WHETHER AND HOW M-16'S COULD BE PROVIDED TO BPP IN MANNER CONSISTENT WITH FAA AND CRITERIA DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLEASE INCLUDE ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBILITY OF EARMARKING M-16'S FOR SPECIFIC BPP UNITS HAVING SOLE OR PRINCIPAL MISSION OF NARCOTICS CONTROL AND ALTERNATIVE OF BPP'S MAINTAINING M-16'S UNDER CONTROL IN SELECTED LOCATIONS FOR USE BY BPP PERSONNEL WHEN ENGAGED IN NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITY, AS WELL AS ESTIMATE OF NUMBER OF M-16'S WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL PURPOSE. ALSO NEED EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF RTG RECEPTIVITY TO U.S. OFFER OF M-16'S FOR BPP WITH RESTRICTIONS OF THIS OR SIMILAR NATURE.

5. WISH HAVE BENEFIT OF EMBASSY VIEWS PRIOR TO SINGAPORE NARCOTICS MEETING JANUARY 28-30 AT WHICH STATUS AND PROSPECTS OF PROVIDING M-16'S TO BPP WILL BE REVIEWED. INCLUDE SINGAPORE AS INFO ADDRESSEE, WITH CAPTION:

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"HOLD FOR AND PASS TO L. STERMER, H. ISOM, R. ROBERTSON AND T. PETERS--PARTICIPANTS AT JANUARY 28-31 REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE". DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REQUESTED PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE COULD FOLLOW AT LATER DATE IF NECESSARY. KISSINGER

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